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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

1. This memorandum is for information only:
2. Reference, Mr. Wisner's memorandum of today; Subject: New York TIMES' handling of Mao Tse-tung speech on the existence of contradictions ("Let 100 Flowers Bloom", etc.). There seems to be some misunderstanding on Mr. Wisner's part of what he calls "my interest" in his dealings with Wally Carroll of the New York TIMES. Regarding Mr. Wisner's statement in paragraph 2 of referenced memorandum, he answered my telephoned inquiry this afternoon by saying that he had in fact provided excerpts to Mr. Carroll. The TIMES had not used them; they used what they received from Reuters. Mr. Wisner stated that in any case, he did not get my "point of interest" in this matter. I told him that we had had other requests for the speech and had told such people, after checking with [REDACTED] that nothing could be furnished before Wednesday, June 19. I also said since he was dealing with a newspaper, the TIMES, I should have known about it, as the Director's representative, he said that the Director was out of town yesterday.
3. Unless it is understood all around that I have a clear "interest" in any case where a CIA representative is dealing with a newspaper or employee thereof, (as is specified in 10-250-3) I fear that we may run into difficulties in future cases of this kind.

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2. Reference, Mr. Wisner's memorandum of today; Subject: New York TIMES' handling of Mao Tse-tung speech on the existence of contradictions ("Let 100 Flowers Bloom", etc.) I telephoned Mr. Wisner to ask him regarding his first sentence in Paragraph 2 of said memorandum asking if he had furnished the New York TIMES with anything on the Mao Tse-tung speech. I told Mr. Wisner we had other requests for the speech and had told such people after checking with [REDACTED] that nothing could be furnished before Wednesday, June 19. Mr. Wisner said he had provided excerpts to Wally Carroll and that he did not get the point of my interest. I told him that since he was dealing with a newspaper, the TIMES, I should have known about it as the Director's representative. He said, well the Director was out of town yesterday and he did not know anything about requests made on my by other news media for copies of the speech. He also stated that what he furnished to Wally Carroll had not been published, merely being excerpts. Obviously we are not working, in this instance, under the provisions of 10 - 250 - 3.

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